

## PUBLIC BUILDING AT WOODLAND, CAL.

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MR. MILLIKEN, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, submitted the following

### REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 5165.]

The Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, having had under consideration the bill (H. R. 5165) entitled "A bill to provide for the purchase of a site, and the erection of a public building thereon, at Woodland, in the State of California," respectfully report the same with the recommendation that it do pass.

Woodland is situated on the line of the California and Oregon Railroad which forms a part of the Southern Pacific system. It is the county seat of Yolo County, which is one of the richest and most prosperous agricultural counties in the State of California. It is a well and substantially built town and has many expensive structures of brick and stone. It has five banks with an aggregate capital of \$1,468,600. It is the home of many wealthy people and is reputed to be the richest town of its size in northern California.

The buildings for the transaction of the county business are located here, and the town has erected an expensive and ornamental building for municipal purposes. Woodland is situated in the center of a rich agricultural country and has a large wholesale and retail trade. It is also a manufacturing place of considerable importance. It sustains two daily and four weekly newspapers.

Besides its excellent public schools it has an academy and also a college. According to the census of 1890, Woodland had a population of 3,069, and the suburban population who are patrons of the post-office in that town probably exceeds that number.

The gross receipts of this post-office for the year ending June 30, 1896, were \$8,344.27, and the net revenue \$4,929.71. The amount of money-order business transacted by the postmaster at Woodland, Cal., for the year ended June 30, 1896, was: Orders issued: Domestic, number, 3,381; amount, \$21,827.17; fees, \$188.07. International, number, 76; amount, \$1,443.38; fees, \$17.30. Transfers, \$2,180. Orders paid: Domestic, number, 2,671; amount, \$22,461.06. International, number, 26; amount, \$503.69. Deposits made, \$2,760.

Woodland is an established and permanent town which will remain for all time the business center of a rich and prosperous region of country with varied resources.

The post-office at this place will always be an important one, and true economy dictates that the Government should build and own a building for the transaction of its business rather than to pay rent for an indefinite time.

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